

Remarks

Claims 49, 54-61, 63 and 64 are canceled.

Claim 33 is amended.

Claims 33, 35-36, 42-43 and 47-48 are pending in this application and are under consideration.

There are no allowed claims.

Claim 33 is amended to replace "decorative preparations" with "lipsticks, nail varnishes, eye shadows, mascara, dry or moist make-up, rouge, powders, depilatory agents, suntan lotions". Support is found in canceled claim 59.

Claim 33 is amended to insert "shampoos, hair conditioners" as possible body-care products. Support is found in canceled claim 58.

No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

Claims 33, 35, 36, 42, 43, 47-49, 54-61, 63 and 64 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for reasons of record.

The term "decorative preparations" is deleted and replaced with more specific elements as discussed above.

Applicants submit that "light protection formulations" are well understood by those skilled in the art. They are formulations for application to skin that contain ultraviolet light absorbers.

The terms "hormone preparations, vitamin preparations, vegetable extract preparations and antibacterial preparations" are also well understood by those skilled in the art. They are preparations

containing active ingredients that are useful for application to skin. This is clear from canceled claims 54, 55 and 60.

Applicants submit that “agents for removing rust, color or stains” are well known to those skilled in the art. They are for example hard surface cleaners that remove rust stains or other stains left on toilets, tubs, etc.

In view of the present amendments and the above remarks, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 33, 35, 36, 42, 43, 47-48, 61 and 64 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoffmann, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,643,985.

Applicants respectfully rebut these rejections.

The Examiner states that “household products” can correspond to the “recycled plastics” of Hoffmann.

Applicants disagree. There is no overlap of the plastics of Hoffmann with the household products as specified in present claim 33. The present household products are for example polishes, waxes or cleaners. Alternatively, the plastics of Hoffmann might be useful as packaging for the present household products.

In view of these remarks, Applicants submit that the present 35 USC 102(b) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 33, 35, 47-48, 61 and 64 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Severns, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,723,435.

Applicants respectfully rebut these rejections.

Severns discloses fabric care compositions used for reducing fading of fabrics from sunlight. The compositions comprise an antioxidant, a fabric softening agent, a carrier material and optionally a sunscreen compound (Abstract). The fabric is treated with the compositions repeatedly during the rinse cycle of a typical laundering process and may result in higher deposition levels (col. 4, lines 62-65). Severns further teaches that the specific antioxidants employed are suitable because they effectively deposit on the textile surface (col. 4, line 66 through col. 5, line 3). Severns clearly teaches a method for protecting textiles.

Alternatively, present claim 33 is clearly aimed at a method of stabilizing household products per se, in particular the ingredients present in the product and not the substrate whereon the application takes place.

In view of these remarks, Applicants submit that the present 35 USC 102(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claim 49 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Severns in view of Sivik, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,716,918.

Claim 49 is canceled.

Claims 54-60 and 63 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Severns in view of Melnik, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,082,661.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 54-60 and 63 are canceled.

Further, Melnick discloses specific products comprising a capsule having walls formed of a gelatin and a cosmetic composition comprising a carrier which is a silicone polymer and an antioxidant (Abstract). The antioxidant operates to inhibit degradation of the gelatin wall to prevent malodors from being generated (Abstract).

This reference teaches a method of stabilizing the gelatin package, but not the body care product itself.

As neither Severns nor Melnik teach the stabilization of the textile care compositions or cosmetic compositions themselves, those skilled in the art could not arrive at the present invention from the combination of references.

Applicants submit that in view of these remarks, that these 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

In view of the present amendments and above remarks, Applicants submit that each of the 35 USC 102(b), 35 USC 102(a), 35 USC 103(a) and 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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